MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Are the Government aware that trespassers who cross the roads will be prosecuted according to the Company's rules ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, trespassers will be prosecuted.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) ; Are the innocent people to suffer because they reside within the Travancore territory ?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion. There must be a limit to supplementary questions ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Do the Government stand in need of a representation from the people of the locality over and above the representation made by the honourable member in this House ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That is not what I said. The matter is under the consideration of the Department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : On the strength of the representation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know whether there is a village road crossing the Railway line ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There are several such village roads.

Swampy areas inside forest reserves.

233. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there are swampy areas inside the forest reserves in the State ;

(*b*) how many acres of swampy areas there are and

(*c*) whether the swampy areas are fit for paddy cultivation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 4,500 acres.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the swampy areas referred to in part (*b*) of the answer were under cultivation before they were included in the Reserve Forest ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether the Government are aware that Travancore is not self-supporting so far as paddy is concerned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) . May I know from the Government the quantity of paddy that is being imported annually into the State ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether Travancore could be made self-supporting in paddy by throwing open these swampy areas for paddy cultivation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the quantity of paddy that could be got out of 4,590 acres of swampy area if it is cultivated?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member himself can answer that. There should be some sort of rational understanding before putting questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Swampy Areas Committee has recommended the swampy areas being disafforested?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They have recommended the disafforestation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government when this Committee submitted their report to the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe it was in 1923.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have taken any action on the Swampy Areas Committee Report with regard to the recommendation for disafforestation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the areas have been mostly disafforested.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many acres of the swampy areas have been disafforested after the submission of the Report of the Committee?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The information I have got is that almost all the areas have been disafforested.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that there are thousands of acres now available to be disafforested in Nedumangad, Kottarakara and Pattanapuram taluks?

PRESIDENT: We shall have another Committee to go into that. He says that all the swampy areas have been disafforested.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether people are ready to cultivate these 4,590 acres of swampy areas?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware whether people are ready.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Government whether any applications have been received by them to get these areas or any portion of them registered?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

License to collect green manure.

234. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the system of issuing license to collect green manure for the use of the paddy lands was in vogue at any time;

(*b*) when that system was discontinued;

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